AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the new five Assistant News Reporters, appointed at Bombay Doordarshan, have the knowledge of Marathi language; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a few more reporters who have the knowledge of Marathi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Yes, Sir. TV News Correspondents, TV Assistant News Correspondents, and, TV Assistant News Editors have been recruited primarily to file news stories in English and Hindi for the national news bulletins.

(b) There is no proposal, at present, to recruit TV Assistant News Correspondents on the basis of their knowledge of regional languages.

Allotment of plots in Chittaranjan Park

1303. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that D.D.A. has allotted 714 plots in Chittaranjan Park to all the East Pakistan Displaced persons declared eligible for plots in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the D.D.A. has collected more than one crore rupees from the allottees as development charges for these plots; and

(c) if so, by when D.D.A. propose to hand over the possession of these plots to all the individual allottees for construction of houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Delhi Development Authority has inlimated, that, they have allotted 686 plots to eligible East Pakistan displaced persons.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The costing details are being worked out in about 400 cases. The demand letters will be issued shortly and possessions of plots will be handed over on payment of cost of land. In the remaining cases the development works are in progress and demand letters will be issued shortly development is completed. Thereafter the possession of the plots will be handed over.

Development works in Sector XVI of Rohini

1304. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has started the development works in Sector XVI of the Rohini Complex, New Delhi;

(b) if so, by when the allottees are likely to be handed over possession of the plots for construction of houses in the said complex; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay in starting the development works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The process of delivery of possession of plots has already started.

(c) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Action against agents sending workers to Singapore

1305. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the

Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated May 22, 1989, under the caption, "TN travel agents in manpower racket", regarding two travel agents' racketeering in sending workers to Singapore illegally; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to round up the racketeers detailing the particulars of those apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matters has been brought to the notice of Police Authorities for appropriate action.

Reduction in import duty on PIG iron

1306. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to reduce import duty on pig iron; and

(b) if so, what is the present percentage of import duty after reduction and its effects on the prices of pig iron in the open market?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHANLAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present overall import duty on pig iron after reduction is 45 per cent ad-valorem plus Rs. 200/- per tonne. This, along with enhanced indigenous production have stabilised the prices of Pig Iron in the open market.

Visit of high level officials of Delhi Administration to Trans Yamuna Areas

1307. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a visit of high level officials of Delhi Administration and Lt. Governor has been organised to formulate the measures to tackle the various problems like cleaning, sewer-disposal and drinking water in the trans-Yamuna areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the colonies proposed to be developed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some localities including Delhi Development Authority Colony viz. the Shastri Park, have been ignored for providing such facilities; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Absorption of employees rendred jobless due to Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

1308. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the implementation of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana is likely to render about 20,000 employees of the District Rural Development Agencies jobless; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to absorb these employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.